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1. IN DISCUSSING WP/1208, REVIEW OF PARAGRAPH 6.4 OF ANNEX 9, DELEGATE OF SWEDEN SET TONE OF MEETING. HE SAID IN PART: "...THE RATIONALS BEHIND THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DUBROVNIC MEETING WERE THAT A MAJORITY OF STATES PRESENT DO HAVE THE POLICY THAT THE STATES THEMSELVES SHALL HAVE ULTIMATE CONTROL OVER GROUND HANDLING AT THEIR AIRPORTS. THIS IS CERTAINLY A MATTER OF POLICY, CALL IT BUSINESS POLICY, AND DOES NOT INVOLVE ANYTHING RELATED TO SAFETY AT THE AIRPORT, NEITHER FOR THE EMBARKATION OR DISEMBARKATION OF PASSENGERS, OR HANDLING OF CARGO. SAFETY QUESTIONS ARE TAKEN CARE OF IN RULES LAID DOWN FOR THIS BY COMPETENT AUTHORITIES AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THESE AUTHORITIES, INDEPENDENT OF THE PARTY DOING THE GROUND HANDLING, THAT BEING THE AIRLINE OPERATOR, A HANDLING AGENCY OR THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES." FRANCE, ITALY, UK, BRAZIL AND OTHERS FOLLOWED WITH IDENTICAL COMMENTS. US MEMBER SENSING THAT THERE WAS NO SUPPORT FOR THE PRESENT WORDING SUGGESTED THAT MEXICO CITY LANGUAGE COULD ESTABLISH PROPER BALANCE BETWEEN AIRLINE AND AIRPORTS. NO SUPPORT WHATSOEVER. UK IMMEDIATELY PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A-21 AND EIGHT HANDS WENT UP IN SUPPORT. EFFORT WAS MADE TO POINT OUT THAT WORDS "IN AGREEMENT" IN EFFECT GAVE

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VETO POWER TO AIRPORTS AND WORD "REASONABLE" SHOULD BE PUT

BEFORE "LIMITATIONS." ALL TO NO AVAIL. VOTE FOR A-21 CARRIED
17 FOR 2 AGAINST (US AND JAPAN) AND 6 ABSTENTIONS. THE EUROPEANS
DETERMINED TO KILL PRESENT 6.4 AND WASTED NO TIME DOING IT.
WELL ORCHESTRATED PERFORMANCE ON PART OF ECAC COUNTRIES.

2. RE WP/1212, THE PROPOSED MANUAL ON ROUTE FACILITY ECONOMICS,
RECENTLY DISTRIBUTED, NOT WELL RECEIVED BY MEMBERS COMMITTEE.
MOST FELT NOT SUFFICIENT TIME TO STUDY PROPOSED MANUAL, OTHERS
FELT MATERIAL, PARTICULARLY "EXCERPTS" FROM CIRCULARS SHOULD BE
BETTER EXPLAINED; SOME THOUGHT SOME OF MATERIAL NOT QUITE CORRECT,
PARTICULARLY ON ASECNA. CONSENSUS WAS TO DEFER PUBLICATION,
RE-EDIT AND CORRECT, EXPAND ON "EXCERPTS"; PRESENTING NEW
TEXT TO NEXT SESSION OF COMMITTEE.
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